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I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant, forwarding, for submission to His Excellency, the Lord Lieutenant, the Eighty-fifth Report of the Commissioners of National Education for Ireland for the year 1918-1919.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

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LORD LIEUTENANT-GENERAL AND GENERAL
GOVERNOR OF IRELAND.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland, have the honour to submit to Your Excellency this our Eighty-fifth Report. In this report the statistics of attendance, numbers on the rolls, etc., in the schools, are for the year ended the 31st December, 1918, the financial statements are for the year ended the 31st March, 1919, and the general information is brought up to the 31st December, 1919.

Owing to the severe visitation of the influenza epidemic in *Attend-*
the autumn and winter of 1918-19, the attendance at the *dance*.
schools in the year ended 31st December, 1918, was unduly low,
the centesimal proportion to the numbers on the school rolls
amounting only to 68·9, the lowest figure for several years.
Health conditions improved in the second quarter of 1919, and
the attendance and work of the schools became more regular

during the remainder of that year. The general mildness of the weather in the recent autumn and winter months has also conduced to an improvement in this respect.

As stated in our last Annual Report, we made representations to the Irish Government in 1918 with a view to securing certain amendments in the statutes relating to school attendance, and our proposals have been embodied in the Education (Ireland) Bill recently presented to Parliament. Until legislation on the lines suggested by us is enacted there is little probability of any substantial increase in the regularity of attendance at the national schools. How great is the need for improvement will be seen from the fact that while there are about 700,000 pupils enrolled in the schools, only about 500,000 of these are in average daily attendance: so that there are upwards of 200,000 children absent from school every day of the year. Returns of the Scottish Education Department show that while there were in the year ended 30th April, 1919, 877,016 pupils enrolled in Scottish State-aided schools, 755,732, or 85.2 per cent., were in average daily attendance. In no school district in Scotland is the percentage of attendance less than 82.8, which is the figure for the Orkney Islands. It appears then that although the population of Scotland is not much in excess of that of Ireland, there are almost half as many children more in attendance at the schools of the former country.

Building Grants.

The outbreak of hostilities in August, 1914, necessitated the temporary suspension of grants for the erection and enlargement of schoolhouses and teachers' residences, and during the War all aid to the building of schools ceased, except in a few cases of such an urgent character that, failing a grant from the State, the pupils would have been left without school accommodation or been obliged to attend schools in circumstances of danger to health. As soon as hostilities came to an end, we took up the question of pressing for a resumption of the building grants, and in January, 1919, we addressed a request to the Treasury for the removal of the restrictions thereon. In their reply of 22nd April, 1919, Their Lordships, after recognising the urgency of the need for replacing the many unsatisfactory schoolhouses by suitable new buildings, pointed out the great demand on the building resources of the country that would be caused by the necessity of carrying out the new Housing Schemes of the Government, and intimated that the making of grants could be resumed only on the assumption that they would be confined to the most urgent cases. They authorised an expenditure of £32,000 in the financial year ending 31st March, 1920, and promised to provide sums not exceeding £65,000 in the financial year 1920-21. On the receipt of this letter we at once took steps to give effect to its provisions, and fresh grants to the extent of over £20,000 have been sanctioned by us since 1st April, 1919. These grants cover 14 cases of new schools, out of a total

of 75 such cases admitted to be urgent. The total sums disbursed in grants by the Board of Works in the period from 1st April, 1919, to 31st December, 1919, are however, very small, amounting to only £1,965 19s. 1d., and it is greatly to be feared that managers find much difficulty in securing contracts for the new buildings authorised and in raising the necessary local sums by voluntary effort to supplement the State grants. Nor is this surprising when it is remembered that the cost of building is estimated to have trebled since pre-war times, and that a schoolhouse which could be erected for £600 or £700 before the War now costs upwards of £2,000, of which one-third has to be supplied from local sources. Unless there be some change in the system of aiding the erection of new buildings, it is clear that very many years must elapse before the national schoolhouses can be put into a satisfactory condition throughout the country.

We much regret that at a time when far-reaching reforms and developments have been secured in the educational systems of Great Britain there is little progress to chronicle in the conditions in Ireland. The very inadequate increases in teachers' salaries, secured by what is known as the "Duke grant," in 1917, have since then been supplemented by the award of War-bonuses on a continually increasing scale, but no effective steps have yet been taken to set up permanent scales of salary, which would provide for the teaching profession conditions of remuneration on a level with those existing in other employments generally open to the classes from which teachers are ordinarily recruited. While this is so, it is not astonishing to find that the number of applicants for entrance to the Training Colleges shows a progressive decline. Thus, for the King's Scholarship Examination of 1918, there were 1,986 applicants for admission to the colleges, and in 1919 the number was 1,710, while for 1920 the number has fallen to 1,843. It is to be feared, moreover, that the educational qualifications of the candidates are of a lower standard than formerly. In these circumstances we cannot too strongly press on the Irish Government the urgent necessity of giving the teachers satisfactory permanent scales of remuneration.

At our meeting of 8th April, 1919, we had before us the Report of the Vice-Regal Committee of Enquiry into Primary Education, presided over by Lord Killanin, and we adopted the following resolution :—

"The Commissioners cordially approve of the Report of the Vice-Regal Committee and earnestly hope that the Government will as soon as possible take action to put the recommendations into effect: they would urge that immediate steps be taken to carry out the proposals of

the Committee that do not require legislation, such as the improved scales of salaries for the teachers, while the other portions of the Report might be held over until the necessary Bill be passed through Parliament."

It is a matter of regret to us that the Government did not see their way to grant the immediate relief to the national teacher suggested in the resolution, but thought it better to defer giving effect to the Committee's recommendations pending the passage into law of the Education (Ireland) Bill, and we are of opinion that the delay that has ensued in dealing with the Report has had a most prejudicial effect on the interests of Irish National Education.

At a special meeting of the Board held on 2nd December, 1919, we considered the terms of the Education (Ireland) Bill, which was read a first time in the House of Commons on November 24th, 1919. We could not give our approval to the setting-up of the new Department of Education proposed to be established under the first clause of the Bill, but, subject to the omission of that proposal, and some other amendments being adopted, we were prepared to give the Bill our general approval.

The introduction of a comprehensive Parliamentary measure dealing with education in Ireland has necessarily postponed the consideration of many urgent reforms in our system which we have in recent years brought under the notice of the Government, and we would earnestly hope that, whatever settlement of educational legislation be arrived at, the carrying into effect of these improvements in our system will not be further delayed.

School Gardens. The number of school gardens in operation during the current school year is 205, the majority of which are to be found in the provinces of Leinster and Munster. This figure compares with 200 in the school year 1918-19, and 130 in 1915-16. The increase in the number of schools taking this useful subject is slow, but we expect the upward tendency to become more marked in the near future. A satisfactory standard of efficiency is maintained in this branch of instruction. The "higher grant" was awarded last year to 125 schools, the "lower grant" to 45; in about half a dozen cases the standard of instruction was unsatisfactory, and in the remaining cases the number of pupils was insufficient to earn grants, mainly owing to the epidemic sickness so prevalent in the winter of 1918-19. Grants are now payable for girl pupils in horticulture, and the classes in mixed schools have been rendered more stable through this extension of the regulations. Many women teachers are now receiving instruction in School-gardening at classes instituted by the local Technical Education Committees under the rules

of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction. The subject has not yet been taken up in the Women's Training Colleges.

The Irish language continues to be taught in a considerable number of schools; 1,442 schools earned grants *Language* for Irish as an extra subject in 1917-18. Although this number *usage* does not show an increase on previous years, it cannot be said *Institution* that there is a falling-off in the instruction in this subject. The *tion*.

number of bilingual schools is at present 233. Last year 82 of these earned the highest possible award, and 102 earned a grant corresponding to a "good" report; only 2 schools were inefficient and received no special grant for their bilingual work.

We now proceed to give Your Excellency detailed information under various heads.

School-houses and Teachers' Residences.

1. On the 31st December, 1918, there were 8,002 schools in operation, made up as follows:—

Ordinary Schools,	...	...	...	...	7,432
Convent	"	...	...	...	359
Monastery	"	...	...	...	57
Workhouse	"	...	...	...	80
Model	"	...	...	...	67
Fishery School,	...	...	...	...	1
Schools aided for Invalid, Blind or Crippled Children,					0*
				Total,	8,002

This shows a decrease of 58 in the number of schools in operation when compared with the number on the 31st December, 1917. The decrease is in a considerable measure due to the amalgamation of adjoining boys' and girls' schools, or of small schools in the same locality.

Vested Schools

2. Of these schools, 3,632 were vested schools, the remainder were non-vested.

The vested schools include (a) those vested in the Commissioners, and (b) those vested in trustees, under deeds to which the Commissioners are a party, for the purpose of being maintained as National Schools.

The vested schools were distributed according to provinces as follows:—

Provinces.	Number of Vested Schools.		
	Vested in the Commissioners.	Vested in Trustees.	Total.
Ulster,	283	677	960
Munster,	295	874	1,169
Leinster,	58	505	563
Connnaught,	94	846	940
Total,	730	2,902	3,632

Non-Vested Schools.

The non-vested schools include school-houses erected from funds locally provided, or, in a few instances, from loans available under the Act of 1884, 47 & 48 Vic., cap. 22, and schools formerly vested, the leases of which have expired.

* Viz., the Orthopaedic Hospital N.S. (Dublin), St. Joseph's Cripple's Home Convent N.S. (Westmeath), Home of Rest N.S. for Crippled Children (Down), Belfast Municipal Sanatorium N.S., St. Joseph's Blind Asylum Boys N.S. (Dublin), and St. Mary's Blind Asylum Convent Girls N.S. (Dublin).

3. The erection and improvement of vested school premises are carried out under the direction of the Board of Public Works.

On the 1st April, 1918, the amount for which that Board was liable in respect of grants already made by us and notified to them was £39,753 0s. 4d. In addition to this sum, we had made grants amounting to £29,030 3s. 0d., which had not been ready for notification to the Board of Works. The total liabilities, therefore, on that date amounted to £68,783 3s. 4d.

Building Grants.

4. The following statement shows the condition of the grants and liabilities on 1st April, 1919:—

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Unexpended Grants on 1st April, 1918, ...	68,783 3 4	
Grants to build and improve Schoolhouses, made in 1918-19,	7,942 10 2	
	<hr/>	76,726 2 6
Deduct—		
(a) Grants cancelled, not having been utilized	501 15 0	
(b) Deductions owing to omitted or defective works,	332 3 7	
(c) Instalments paid by Board of Works on account during year ended 31st March, 1919,	4,071 1 7	
	<hr/>	5,015 0 2
Total Liabilities on 1st April, 1919, ...	271,711 2 4	

The grants made by us during the year ended 31st March, 1919, were apportioned as follows:—

No. of Schoolhouses	Erection of New Vested School-houses.		Enlargement of Existing Vested School-houses.		Other improvements to existing Vested School-houses.		TOTAL GRANTS.
	No. of Pupils for which the New School-houses will afford accommodation.	Amount of Grant.	No. of School-houses.	No. of Pupils for which Additional Accommodation will be provided.	Amount of Grant.	No. of School-houses.	
	£ s. d.			£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
1	113	*2,921 0 1	—	—	—	526 5,021 10 1	7,942 10 2

* This amount includes supplemental grants towards the building of vested school houses in 19 cases which were sanctioned in previous years.

In one case of the erection of a new school-house grants amounting in the aggregate to £76 0s. 8d. in excess of the normal grants were made, as the school is to be built in a needy and congested district. Similarly in 158 improvement cases grants in excess of the normal were sanctioned to the amount of £541 5s. 8d.

In 6 cases, where the erection of new school-houses has been postponed until after the war, grants amounting to £54 13s. 0d. were made, with the sanction of the Lords of His Majesty's Treasury, as an exceptional concession to meet a special emergency towards works necessary to render the existing school-houses serviceable for some time longer. This sum is included in the amount of the grants made towards improving existing vested schools.

Loans for improvement of schools. 5. We did not approve during the year of any application to the Board of Works for a loan for enlarging or otherwise improving an existing non-vested school-house.

Loans for Residences. We did not approve of any loan to provide a teachers' residence, or to improve an existing residence.

Since the year 1875, when the National School Teachers' Residences (Ireland) Act came into force, 1,970 applications for loans, and 82 applications for grants, have been approved by us. In a large percentage of cases, however, the Teachers are as yet unprovided with suitable residences.

Teachers' Residences. According to returns received from the managers, there are teachers' residences connected with about 2,300 ordinary schools.

Local aid received by teaching staffs. 6. The local aid to the salaries of the teaching staffs amounts to about £16,000 a year.

Day Schools in Operation : Attendance.

7. On the 31st of December, 1918, we had 8,002 schools in operation. During the year 1918, 17 schools were brought into operation—viz., 6 vested in the Commissioners or in trustees, and 11 non-vested. In 63 cases the grants were either suspended or withdrawn.

Operative and Inoperative schools. 8. In addition to the schools in operation on the 31st December 1918, 121 schools to which building grants had been made were not completely built, and 41 other schools were, for various reasons, regarded as inoperative.

The following is a general summary of the operative, building, and inoperative schools, on 31st December, 1918:—

County.	Operative Schools.	Schools Building.*	Inoperative Schools.
Antrim	630	5	2
Armagh	245	—	—
Cavan	242	7	1
Donegal	413	4	4
Down	471	8	1
Fermanagh	174	2	—
Londonderry	206	3	—
Monaghan	172	3	—
Tyrone	337	6	—
Clare	244	7	12
Cork	685	13	12
Kerry	353	7	—
Limerick	245	6	9
Tipperary	301	4	10
Waterford	133	1	—
Carlow	75	2	2
Dublin	325	1	—
Kildare	96	2	2
Kilkenny	159	11	—
King's	121	—	—
Longford	68	2	—
Louth	108	2	—
Meath	153	2	2
Queen's	112	—	—
Westmeath	127	—	5
Wexford	170	1	1
Wicklow	125	1	1
Galway	407	10	1
Leitrim	182	3	2
Mayo	415	5	2
Roscommon	228	4	3
Sligo	190	2	3
Totals, ...	8,002	*121	41

9. In about 170 schools fees for instruction inside school hours are charged to pupils over 3 and under 15 years of age, and all other schools are free to such pupils.

10. (a.) The average number of pupils on the rolls of all the schools for the year 1918 was 708,353.

(b.) The average daily attendance of pupils for the year was 488,031.

(c.) The percentage of the average daily attendance of pupils to the average number on the rolls, was 68.9.

*In most cases these schools, when built, will supersede schools now operative.

11. The average number of pupils over three and under fifteen years of age, the limits of age defined in the Act of 1892, sec. 18, sub-sec. (5), in daily attendance was 477,783. The total average attendance of those who were fifteen and above was 10,248, or 2·1 per cent. of the total number in average daily attendance.

Classification of schools by average attendance.

CLASSIFICATION, ACCORDING TO AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE FOR 1918, OF THE NATIONAL SCHOOLS IN OPERATION ON 31ST DECEMBER, 1918.

(Poor Law Union and Fishery Schools and children paid for by Industrial Schools Department excluded.)

N.B.—Actual average attendances are used throughout, not revised averages furnished in connection with claims for exceptional treatment owing to the war.

Average Daily Attendance, 1918.	Number of Schools as above (other than Convent and Monastery Schools paid by Capitation).	Convent and Monastery Schools paid by Capitation.	Total Number of Schools as above.
Under 10 ...	33	—	33
10-14 ...	218	—	218
15-19 ...	328	—	328
20-24 ...	479	—	479
25-29 ...	567	—	567
30-34 ...	866	1	867
35-39 ...	855	—	855
40-49 ...	1,139	6	1,145
50-59 ...	1,042	6	1,048
60-69 ...	498	15	513
70-79 ...	283	9	292
80-89 ...	109	6	115
85-94 ...	181	15	196
95-99 ...	85	9	95
100-109 ...	90	14	104
110-119 ...	68	17	85
120-129 ...	35	10	45
130-139 ...	48	12	60
140-149 ...	68	10	76
150-159 ...	45	10	55
160-174 ...	43	24	67
175-184 ...	20	3	23
185-199 ...	37	11	51
200-219 ...	39	19	49
220-239 ...	12	3	15
240-264 ...	36	17	53
265-274 ...	14	7	21
275-299 ...	17	16	33
300-399 ...	38	33	71
400-499 ...	11	20	31
500 and above ...	2	29	31
Totals ...	7,596	325	7,921

12. The following table shows for the last ten years—
 (a) the number of national schools in operation, (b) the average number of pupils on the rolls, (c) the average daily attendance, and (d) the percentage of the latter to the average number on the rolls:—

Year.	Number of Schools in operation.	Average number of pupils on Rolls.	Average daily Attendance.	Per-cent of Average Daily Attendance to Average Number on Rolls. (d)
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	
1909	8,401	704,528	591,107	71.1
1910	8,337	690,945	495,962	70.8
1911	8,289	707,280	512,862	72.5
1912	8,255	690,353	490,038	71.3
1913	8,220	685,970	502,622	72.2
1914	8,207	700,265	508,424	72.6
1915	8,163	699,172	499,953	71.5
1916	8,118	699,570	494,318	70.7
1917	8,080	699,472	488,785	69.9
1918	8,003	708,353	488,031	69.9

13. The total number of pupils on the rolls of national schools on the 31st December, 1918, was 688,955.

The religious denominations of the pupils were as follows:—

522,657 or 75.8 per cent.	were Roman Catholics.	total number on rolls and religious denominations.
79,049 or 11.5	,,	of the late Established Church.
73,523 or 10.7	,,	Presbyterians.
8,060 or 1.2	,,	Methodists.
5,666 or 0.8	,,	of other Denominations.

MODEL SCHOOLS.

14. The number of Model school establishments in operation on 31st December, 1918, was 30. These contain 67 separate departments, each in operation with its own distinct staff and organization.

The average number of pupils on the rolls of the Model schools for the year was 9,321.

The average daily attendance of pupils at these schools for the year was 7,030.

The per-centaage of the average daily attendance of day pupils for the year to the average number on the rolls was 75·4.

The staff of the Model schools on the 31st December, 1918, consisted of 67 principal teachers, 154 assistant teachers, 6 teachers of special subjects, 86 monitors, 23 pupil teachers and 3 junior assistant mistresses.

The following table shows (a) the religious denominations of the pupils on the Rolls of the several Model Schools on the 31st December, 1918; (b) the average number on the Rolls in 1918; and (c) the average daily attendance:—

MODEL SCHOOLS.	(a) PUPILS ON ROLLS ON LAST DAY OF YEAR.						(b) Average Number on Rolls for 1918.	(c) Average Daily Attendance for 1918.	
	R.C.	E.C.	Pres.	Meth.	Others.	Total.			
	1,039	63	8	2	—	1,112	1,147	804	
Central Dublin	885	8	—	—	—	893	885	600	
West Dublin	470	23	—	—	—	493	502	343	
Inchicore	171	—	—	—	—	171	152	112	
Glasnevin	—	31	15	7	—	53	63	42	
Athy	—	48	61	11	0	126	136	90	
Baileborough	2	38	275	17	22	354	365	291	
Ballymena	4	51	342	—	—	397	392	308	
Ballymoney	21	416	607	113	29	1,186	1,088	685	
Belfast	—	101	147	31	15	284	292	226	
Carickfergus	46	27	12	14	—	99	105	78	
Clogher	3	71	165	1	17	257	270	211	
Coleman	293	38	5	5	12	372	336	228	
Cork	—	33	—	11	—	44	49	31	
Dundrumway	—	83	12	5	—	100	105	75	
Enniscorthy	—	238	27	56	4	325	343	242	
Enniskillen	—	38	12	8	—	58	76	51	
Galway	—	70	17	4	—	91	105	82	
Kilkenny	78	63	9	7	21	178	184	121	
Limerick	2	178	357	31	14	582	606	477	
Londonderry	3	135	70	27	23	267	280	207	
Lurgan	15	90	100	1	4	210	233	163	
Monaghan	13	97	98	21	7	230	236	164	
Newry	—	74	243	39	9	365	363	293	
Newtownards	—	125	68	11	—	204	213	162	
Newtownstewart	—	195	118	21	—	334	347	250	
Omagh	—	59	6	5	—	70	73	52	
Panmonstown	3	136	13	24	5	181	166	124	
Sligo	107	3	—	—	—	110	116	81	
Trim	5	90	7	6	11	110	92	67	
Waterford	Total	3,159	2,622	2,809	478	199	9,267	9,321	7,030
Percentages	34·1	28·3	36·3	5·2	2·1	100·0			
	Percentage to Total Number on Rolls.						75·4		
							Percentage of Average Attendance to Average on Rolls.		

CONVENT AND MONASTERY SCHOOLS.

15. The numbers of these schools, and the attendances (excluding pupils who were paid for by the Industrial Schools Department) for the year 1918, were as follows:—

Class of School.	Paid solely by Capitation.		
	Number of Schools.	Average Number of Pupils on Rolls.	Average Daily Attendance.
Convent, ...	323	103,832	77,313
Monastery, ...	2	1,230	916
Total, ...	325	105,062	78,238
Class of School.	Paid by Personal Salaries, &c.		
	Number of Schools.	Average Number of Pupils on Rolls.	Average Daily Attendance.
Convent, ...	35	6,992	5,256
Monastery, ...	55	9,670	7,112
Total, ...	91	16,662	12,368

The teaching power in some convent and monastery schools is partly made up of lay assistants who, though not paid directly by us, are, if the Board's requirements as to grading, salary, etc., be complied with, granted valuable privileges in the matter of service, training, etc. Of these lay assistants about 360, serving in 80 convent and monastery schools, are fully recognised under Rule 101 (2).

Excluding pupils paid for by the Industrial Schools Department, the average number of pupils on the rolls of the convent and monastery national schools for the year was 121,624.

The average daily attendance at these schools for the year was 90,626.

The percentage of the average daily attendance of pupils to the average number on the rolls was 74·5.

Religious
Orders.SUMMARY OF CONVENT AND MONASTERY NATIONAL SCHOOLS
ACCORDING TO RELIGIOUS ORDERS ON 31ST DECEMBER, 1918.

CONVENT NATIONAL SCHOOLS.

Religious Order.	Schools paid by Capitation.	Schools paid by Personal Salaries, &c.	Total.
Sisters of Mercy, ...	165	16	181
Presentation ...	59	0	59
Sisters of Charity ...	26	-	26
St. Louis ...	4	10	14
Loyole ...	9	-	9
St. John of God ...	8	-	8
Holy Faith ...	7	-	7
Sacred Heart ...	6	-	6
Sisters of St. Clara ...	4	1	5
Brigidine ...	5	-	5
Cross and Passion ...	5	-	5
Dominican ...	4	-	4
Immaculate Conception ...	4	-	4
Ursuline ...	4	-	4
Sisters of Nazareth ...	3	-	3
Carmelite ...	1	-	1
Faithful Companions of Jesus ...	2	-	2
St. Joseph of Cluny ...	2	-	2
Marist ...	2	-	2
Poor Servants of the Mother of God and the Poor ...	1	-	1
Jesus and Mary ...	1	-	1
De la Sainte Union ...	1	-	1
 Total Convent National Schools ...	323	36	359

MONASTERY NATIONAL SCHOOLS.

Religious Order.	Schools paid by Capitation.	Schools paid by Personal Salaries, &c.	Total.
Brothers of the Christian Schools ...	-	21	21
Presentation ...	8	11	13
Franciscan ...	-	10	10
Patrician ...	-	7	7
Marist ...	-	6	6
 Total Monastery National Schools ...	2	55	57

WORKHOUSE SCHOOLS.

16. The number of workhouse schools in connection with our Board on 31st December, 1918, was 87, of which 80 were in operation.

The average number of pupils on the rolls of these workhouse schools during the year was 1,709, and the total average daily attendance of pupils for the year was 1,515.

ELEMENTARY EVENING SCHOOLS.

17. During the session 1918-19, 121 Elementary Evening Schools (including 22 Schools to which grants are payable under the alternative rules for Evening Schools in large urban centres) were in operation. The average attendance of pupils at these schools (excluding the schools paid under the alternative rules) was 2,637.

During the financial year 1918-19 payments amounting to £2,060 14s. 4d. were made in respect of Evening Schools.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CHILDREN ATTENDING NATIONAL SCHOOLS.*

18. In addition to the Baltimore Fishery Industrial National School there were 28 National Schools, attended by children from Industrial Schools (certified under the Industrial Schools Act). The number of these pupils on the rolls on 31st December, 1918, was 1,397, (262 boys and 1,135 girls); and the average daily attendance was for all these pupils 1,400, and for those under 15 years of age, 1,385. These industrial school children are instructed in the same manner as the ordinary day pupils of the national school; but payment for their instruction is not made by us, but by the Industrial Schools Department.

Teaching Power.

19. The numbers of teachers in our service on 31st December, 1918, receiving personal salaries were approximately as follows:—

Principals.		Assistants.		Total.	Junior Assistant Mistresses.	Work-mistresses.
Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.			
4,345	3,245	1,245	4,525	13,360	2,380	45
7,590		5,770				
Gross Total,		... 15,735 approximately.				

There were also in the service about 30 industrial teachers.

* In addition to the national schools where children from certain Industrial Schools attend daily, the officers of the Board now undertake the inspection and examination of most of the Leinstermeny and Industrial Schools in Ireland. These latter Schools are not, however, otherwise connected with the Board, provision being made in the institutions for the instruction of the children on the premises.

New Teachers.

20. During the year ended 31st December, 1918, there were about 420 persons appointed for the first time as principal or assistant teachers. Of these teachers about 300 were women.

Teachers who Died or Retired from the Service.

21. During the year ended 31st December, 1918, about 520 principal or assistant teachers died or left the service.

Monitors and Pupil Teachers.

22. The numbers of monitors and pupil teachers serving on 31st December, 1918, were approximately as follows:—

Monitors	{	Boys 445	}	Total 1,010.
		Girls 1,465		
Pupil Teachers	{	Boys 50	}	Total 505.
		Girls 455		

Annual Examinations.

23. Pupil teachers and monitors in their final year of service, candidates for admission to the Training colleges, candidates for appointment as junior assistant mistresses, junior assistant mistresses seeking recognition as assistant teachers, and provisionally recognised teachers of Island schools, &c., seeking continued recognition, are examined at Easter.

King's scholars in training, and teachers seeking Certificates of competency to teach extra branches, are examined at midsummer.

The following is a summary of the persons examined at Midsummer, 1918:—

King's Scholars at the end of their first year of Training,	622
King's Scholars at the end of their course of Training, ...	491
Teachers examined for Certificates of competency to teach extra subjects, ...	105
Total, ...	1,218

The following were examined at Easter, 1919:—

Candidate Junior Assistant Mistresses,	219
First-year Monitors in Co. Kerry (for Reid Prizes), ...	15
Monitors and Pupil Teachers in their final year, pro- visionally recognised Teachers and Candidates for Training,	1,566
Total,	1,800

Teachers' Pensions and Gratuities.

24. On 31st December, 1918, the Pensions granted were as follows:—

	Men.	Women.		Total.	
		No.	£	No.	£
Total payable on 31st December, 1917	... 1,040	50,859	1,636	58,851	2,699 109,710
Pensions granted in 1918	For ill-health ...	9	326	27	615 36 941
	Inefficiency ...	4	134	3	83 7 217
	On ordinary retirement ...	68	4,359	59	2,801 127 7,160
	Total	... 1,141	55,078	1,728	62,350 2,869 118,028
Pensions ceased in 1918 through death or otherwise	71	3,303	60	2,066	131 5,360
Pensions payable on 31st December, 1918*	... 1,070	52,375	1,668	60,284	2,738 112,659

* Including the Supplemental Pensions under Pension Rule 21 (1897).

The number of Teachers paying premiums in the various grades on 31st December, 1918, was:—

Men,	Grade.			Grade.		
	1 ¹	1 ²	2	1 ¹	1 ²	2
...	534	639	"	"	"	"
...	1,948	2,435	"	"	"	"
...	2,435		"	"	"	"
Total,	5,556		"	"	"	"
				Total		7,733

N.B.—A separate 1¹ Class establishment is still kept for those teachers who have rights under Pension Rule 29 (2) 1914. The numbers (180 men and 130 women) are included under their Grades above.

Income and Expenditure of the Pension Fund.

25. The following statement relative to the Pension Fund has been furnished to us by the Teachers' Pension Office :—

The Income and Expenditure of the Pension Fund during the year 1918, were as follows :—

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Income :—		
Two half-year's Interest on £1,300,000...	39,000 0 0	
Interest on Stock, ...	50,838 2 1	
Vote in aid, ...	60,593 0 0	
Premiums paid by Teachers, ...	51,628 17 9	
	<hr/>	203,059 19 0
Expenditure :—		
Pensions paid to Teachers, ...	111,231 5 4	
Premiums refunded on Displacement ...	69 3 1	
Ditto on Resignation or Death, ...	7,068 5 11	
	<hr/>	118,388 14 4
Surplus of Income over Expenditure, ...	83,671 5 5	
Amount realised by sale of £123,000 0s. 0d. Stock (Treasury Bills paid off) ...	123,000 0 0	
Cash Balance on 1st January, 1918, ...	1,974 8 4	
	<hr/>	208,645 13 9
Sum invested in purchase of £209,478 17s. 5d. Stock,	206,607 12 7	
Cash Balance on 31st December, 1918, ...	2,038 1 2	

The invested Capital of the Fund stood thus :—

	£ s. d.
1st January, 1918, Debt of the Church Temporalities Fund, ...	1,300,000 0 0
Stock in hand ...	£1,532,179 1 11
Stock bought in 1918 ...	209,478 17 5
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	1,741,657 19 4
Stock sold in 1918, ...	123,000 0 0
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In hand 31st December, 1918, ...	£1,618,657 19 4
	£1,300,000 0 0

State Expenditure on the Schools and the Teaching Staffs
in the Financial Year 1918-19.

26. The expenditure on the Schools and the payments to the teaching staffs from State sources within the financial year amounted approximately to £2,375,362,* as shown in the following table. Deducting the payments for evening schools instruction, this would give, on an average daily attendance for the year of 485,116 †pupils, an average expenditure of £4 17s. 10d.* for each child.

	£	s	d	£	s	d
I. From the grant for Primary Education :—						
Payments to the teachers	2,327,577	8	7*			
Retiring gratuities	...	347	17	5		
Central Model Schools—						
Charing (including War Bonus) and Petty expenses	...	591	17	9		
School requisites	...	4	7	6		
Other Model Schools—						
School requisites	...	69	1	11		
Other Model Schools—						
Rents and Petty expenses	...	4,118	5	11		
Incidental expenses of schools (rents, van services, boat services, &c.)	901	12	7			
Free Stocks of school requisites to ordinary schools	...	90	9	10		
Equipment grants	...	528	14	4		
Examination Expenses, Employers' contributions for Health Insurance of Junior Assistant Mistresses, Monitors, &c.	...	2,071	5	55		
Meieties of rent charge on teachers' residences	6,810	9	6			
Grant for Heating and Cleaning Schools	...	18,752	8	6		
Dental Treatment of School Children	...	498	7	10		
	<hr/>	2,362,062	7	1		
II. From the vote for the Board of Public Works :—						
Expenditure on building new schools, and the enlargement, improvement, repair, heating, &c., of existing vested schools, say	—	13,300	0	0†		
Total from State Grants	—	2,375,362	7	1		

* Includes payment in respect of War Bonus.

† The expenditure in 1918-19 by the Board of Public Works on all National Education buildings was £14,261 11s. 5d.

‡ Excludes pupils not paid for by the Commissioners of National Education (i.e. the children of the Workhouse National Schools and the pupils chargeable to the Industrial Schools Department.)

† Insurance of pupil teachers and monitors discontinued since 1st July, 1918.

27. The total amount paid from State Grants during the financial year 1918-19 to the *Teaching Staffs* of the Day National Schools paid by personal salaries or capitation (excluding Poor Law Union and Fishery Schools and pupils chargeable to Industrial Schools Department), was:—

£2,325,865*

giving, on an average daily attendance of 485,116 pupils, an average payment of *£4 15s. 11d. per pupil.

28. Table showing the numbers of Principal and Assistant Teachers in receipt of the salary of the undemounted Grades on the 31st December, of each of the following years up to the year 1913, inclusive; for the year 1915 and subsequently the date taken is the 31st March:—

Year.	MEN.										Total num- ber of Mas- ters.	
	PRINCIPALS.					ASSISTANTS.						
	I. Grade	II. Grade	III. Grade	IV. Grade	Total	I. Grade	II. Grade	III. Grade	IV. Grade	Total		
1901	241	416	1,283	2,725	4,665	13	18	25	94	1,050	5,715	
1904	268	430	1,487	3,449	4,034	15	15	13	118	1,161	5,795	
1907	313	446	1,598	2,191	4,547	16	14	7	1,183	1,220	5,787	
1910	325	475	1,663	2,013	4,476	11	12	8	1,100	1,221	5,697	
1911	325	476	1,695	1,991	4,487	10	10	8	1,236	1,204	5,751	
1912	326	483	1,750	1,927	4,485	10	10	20	1,241	1,281	5,766	
1913	383	566	1,687	1,803	4,479	8	12	25	1,240	1,294	5,773	
1915	419	571	1,655	1,818	4,463	9	10	29	1,258	1,306	5,769	
1916	428	586	1,682	1,711	4,405	9	11	39	1,222	1,281	5,686	
1917	421	632	1,602	1,622	4,357	8	11	48	1,178	1,245	5,602	
1918	522	609	1,836	1,387	4,354	9	6	119	1,102	1,230	5,590	
1919	557	612	1,801	1,300	4,330	8	7	139	1,085	1,240	5,579	

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* Includes payments in respect of War Bonus.

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Year.	WOMEN.										Total num- ber of Mis- tre- sses.	
	PRINCIPALS.					ASSISTANTS.						
	P. Grade	P. Grade	II. Grade	III. Grade	Total	P. Grade	P. Grade	II. Grade	III. Grade	Total		
1901	208	282	845	2,935	3,570	11	26	29	2,540	2,612	6,182	
1904	222	303	987	2,126	3,638	8	17	25	2,798	2,848	6,486	
1907	224	312	1,000	2,018	3,554	10	13	32	3,329	3,384	6,938	
1910	243	310	1,015	1,846	3,414	11	16	55	3,036	3,718	7,133	
1911	248	312	1,001	1,863	3,364	11	15	66	3,826	3,918	7,282	
1912	253	329	980	1,760	3,333	11	14	141	3,951	4,117	7,448	
1913	259	327	1,024	1,711	3,321	7	16	179	4,037	4,239	7,550	
1915	265	336	1,048	1,636	3,285	8	13	239	4,114	4,374	7,689	
1916	276	342	1,073	1,594	3,285	10	12	285	4,133	4,440	7,725	
1917	275	357	1,077	1,570	3,279	8	15	315	4,113	4,451	7,730	
1918	299	366	1,210	1,385	3,260	8	19	574	3,907	4,608	7,768	
1919	325	370	1,200	1,340	3,235	7	21	710	3,737	4,525	7,760	

29. AVERAGE RATES of INCOME, from State sources, of Principal and Assistant teachers (Men and Women) serving on 31st March, 1919, exclusive of War Bonus, of grants for Special Subjects, of gratuities for instruction of pupil teachers and monitors, and of fees for Evening School instruction :—

—		Principals.	Assistants.
Men		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Women		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
...	...	144 18 3	98 13 2
...	...	116 7 11	85 3 1

The similar rates for each grade were as follows :—

PRINCIPALS.				ASSISTANTS.			
P. Grade.	P. Grade.	II. Grade.	III. Grade.	P. Grade.	P. Grade.	II. Grade.	III. Grade
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
227 5 9	171 16 5	139 17 1	104 3 8	197 8 2	153 6 5	120 12 8	94 15 11
200 7 4	167 17 7	120 11 1	83 12 5	169 12 10	135 5 9	103 16 6	81 0 9

30.

Training Colleges.

Name of College.	Manager.	Date from which recognised.	Number of King's Scholarships for which we are present licensed.	
			Men.	Women.
"Marlborough-street" (Dublin).	The Commissioners of National Education.	1834	130	165
"St. Patrick's" (Drumcondra, Dublin).	His Grace the Most Rev. W. J. Walsh, D.D., Archbishop of Dublin.	1 Sept. 1843	165	—
"Our Lady of Mercy" (Carreford, Park, Ballyrock, Co. Dublin).	Do.	1 Sept. 1863	—	200
"Church of Ireland" (Kilmore Place, Dublin).	His Grace the Most Rev. C. T. H. Kelly, D.D., Archbishop of Dublin.	1 Sept. 1884	50	85
"De la Salle" (Waterford).	The Most Rev. R. Harriet, D.D., Bishop of Waterford and Lismore.	1 Sept. 1891	200	—
"St. Mary's" (Belfast).	The Most Rev. J. McElroy, D.D., Bishop of Down and Connor.	1 Sept. 1890	—	100
"Mary Immaculate" (Limerick).	The Most Rev. D. Hallinan, D.D., Bishop of Limerick.	1 Sept. 1891	—	100
			545	650
				1,195

31. The following Table shows the number of candidates for admission to training (two years' course)* in 1918 in each of the Training colleges and the antecedents of those admitted :—

	Number of Graduates.	Number admitted to Training.	ANTECEDENTS.							
			Principal.	Assistant.	Junior Assistant Mistresses.	Substitute Teachers.	Monitors.	Pupil Teachers.	Ex-Pupils.	
(FOR MEN.)										
"Marlborough St."	25	15	1	—	—	—	8	2	9	
"St. Patrick's,"	223	61	1	1	1	—	32	4	49	
"Church of Ireland,"	21	11	1	1	1	—	6	1	4	
"De la Salle,"	243	107	1	4	1	—	39	1	71	
Total,	516	228	1	10	—	1	76	7	139	
(FOR WOMEN.)										
"Marlborough St."	214	119	—	8	11	10	92	15	217	
"Our Lady of Mercy,"	245	100	—	16	9	10	45	17	9	
"Church of Ireland,"	101	64	1	1	1	—	29	7	19	
"St. Mary's,"	225	47	—	8	1	—	18	21	42	
"Mary Immaculate,"	271	51	—	4	1	—	33	9	45	
Total	1,496	382	2	25	23	8	189	67	50	

* The one year's course of training for teachers in the service of the Commissioners was abolished with the commencement of the Session 1918-1919.

† Includes 12 externs. § Includes 1 extern. || Includes 6 externs. ||| Includes 5 externs.

32. KING'S SCHOLARS in Training—Session 1917-1918.
(a.) Ordinary Course.

Name of College.	No. of King's Scholars admitted for Session 1917-1918.	No. who remained until close of Session.	First Year's Examination of Students.		Final Examination.	
			No. Un- passed.	No. Passed.	No. Ex- amined.	No. Passed.
Men.						
"Marlborough-street,"	44	40	26	23	14	12
"St. Patrick's,"	102	102	99	70	62	43
"Church of Ireland,"	112	93	10	8	9	8
"De la Salle,"	182	180	163	81	77	63
Total (Men),	416	401	236	184	103	128
Women.						
"Marlborough-street,"	218	205	177	98	88	81
"Our Lady of Mercy,"	193	190	166	104	94	80
"Church of Ireland,"	103	29	49	37	50	51
"St. Mary's,"	103	100	54	23	45	44
"Mary Immaculate,"	102	90	40	63	53	46
Externs,	9	9	9	9	—	—
Total (Women),	739	712	284	242	328	308
Total (Men and Women)	1,154	1,113	620	617	431	436

The figures given above are exclusive of students undergoing a third year of training, particulars as to which are as follows:—

KING'S SCHOLARS in Training—Session 1917-18.
(b) Third Year Course.

Name of College.	No. of King's Scholars admitted for Third Year.	No. who successfully completed Course.
Men.		
"Marlborough-street,"	2	1
"St. Patrick's,"	3	3
"De la Salle,"	6	5
Total, .	11	9

33. RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS of the KING'S SCHOLARS admitted to MARLBOROUGH-STREET TRAINING COLLEGE for the Session 1918-19.

	R.C.	E.C.	Pres.	Meth.	Others.	Total.
1918-19. { King's Scholars in Residence, Extern, .	90	19	130	12	3	254
	11	—	3	—	—	14

Trained Teachers.

34. Of the Principal and Assistant Teachers receiving personal salaries from the Board on 31st December, 1918, about 77 per cent. were Trained Teachers.

35. Colleges for the teaching of Irish.

A payment of £5 is made to recognised colleges for the teaching of Irish in respect of each teacher who, having attended the required number of lessons, passes the examination at the end of the course and who subsequently teaches Irish satisfactorily in a public school for one year. In order to facilitate their attendance at these courses, teachers are granted vacation to the extent of 50 days in the year in which they attend a course, provided their schools are kept open for at least 200 days in such year. Nineteen colleges have been recognised, and since they were opened, 2,863 of the students have been registered as qualified to teach Irish as an ordinary or extra subject.

The following Colleges have been recognised:—

Name.	Patron or President.	Manager or Secretary.
The Four Masters College (Lotteckenny).	The Most Rev. Doctor O'Donnell, Bishop of Raphoe	—
The Ulster College (Cloghaneely, Gortahoe, Co. Donegal).	Dail Uladh (Ulster Gaelic Union).	E. O'Toole, Esq.
The Connacht College (Tourmakeady, Ballinrobe).	—	Rev. B. J. Crehan, C.C.
The Munster College (Ballingary, Macroom).	Rev. J. O'Leary, P.P., Inchigeela, Co. Cork.	Liam De Roiste, Esq.
The Ring College (Ring, Dungarvan).	—	P. O'Kielty, Esq.
The Belfast College (Bank Street, Belfast).	—	Rev. J. K. O'Neill, P.P.
The Leinster College (39 Rutland Square, Dublin).	—	G. A. Moonan, Esq., B.A., B.L.
The Spiddal College (Spiddal, Co. Galway).	—	Rev. T. E. Mac-Alinnay.
The Dingle College (Dingle, Co. Kerry).	—	V. Rev. P. Canon O'Leary, D.D., P.P., V.F.
The Sligo College (Sligo).	—	P. O'Donnellan, Esq.
The Ballinasloe College (Galway).	—	Rev. P. O'Conghaile, B.A.
The Castlebar College (Co. Mayo).	—	Rev. J. W. Mehan, C.C.
The Glandore College (Co. Cork).	The Most Rev. Doctor Kelly, Bishop of Ross.	M. O'Cuilensain, Esq.
The Caherdaniel College (Co. Kerry).	—	P. O'Shea, Esq.
The Omeath College (Co. Louth).	—	Rev. M. J. Quin, P.P.
Dublin College (Lower Abbey Street).	—	T. Page, Esq.
The O'Curry College (Carrigaholt).	—	Mrs. Maire O'Donovan.
Rathlin College (Rathlin Island).	—	M. Maguigin, Esq.
Presentation College, (Cork).	—	Rev. Brother T. A. Rahilly

The Belfast College has a recognised branch at Armagh.

The Munster College has a recognised branch at Cork. (Winter Session).

The Leinster College has recognised branches at Mullingar, Navan & Drogheda.

The Spiddal College has a recognised branch at Galway. (Winter Session).

The Dublin College has a recognised branch at Dominican College, Eccles Street, Dublin (Summer Session).

Compulsory Attendance Provisions of the Irish Education Act, 1892.

36. At the end of the year 1918, 244 School Attendance Committees existed, 95 in the County Boroughs, Urban Districts and Municipal Towns and 149 in Rural Districts. According to reports received from the local Secretaries, the provisions of the Act were enforced, during the year, by 234 of these Committees. In the cases of three Committees no reports were received.

Under the provisions of the Act, children over 6 and under 14 years of age, with certain exceptions, are required to attend school, and to make 75 complete attendances in each half-year ending respectively the 30th June and the 31st December.

There are 39 Urban Districts or Towns having municipal government, to which the provisions of the Act apply, but for which school attendance committees have not been appointed. There are 102 Rural Districts without school attendance committees, and in some other Rural Districts the Act has been applied to only a portion of the area.

Special Fees or Grants for extra or other branches.

37. RETURN showing the number of Schools in which special fees or grants were paid for instruction given in certain branches for the school-year ended 30th June, 1918; also showing the amounts paid within the financial year, 1918-19.

Branch.	Number of Schools paid for School-year, 1917-18.	Amount paid (Financial Year, 1918-19).		
		£	s.	d.
Irish,	1,442	19,561	11	5
Bilingual Programme,	228	3,796	1	1
Mathematics,	859	4,688	9	2
Cookery,	2,845			
Laundry Work,	907	*15,955	8	0
Domestic Economy,	48			
Rural Science and Horticulture,	169		1,004	18 10

* Includes special grants, amounting to £401 13s. 6d., paid for instruction in Cookery, Laundry-work or Domestic Economy in 35 Technical Schools, where pupils attend from neighbouring national schools.

Bilingual Programme.

38. The number of schools in which the Bilingual Programme is in operation has increased from 36 in 1906-7 to 236 in 1917-18. Of the latter number, 228 schools earned the special grant for satisfactory instruction in this programme.

Rural Science and Horticulture.

39. In the school year 1917-18 there were 195 schools with recognised school gardens attached. In the financial year 1918-19 grants amounting to £1,004 18s. 10d. were paid to 169 of these schools for instruction in Gardening. Equipment grants to the amount of £342 19s. 8d. were made in the financial year, and prizes amounting to £150 were also awarded.

Merit Certificates.

40. About 240 Merit Certificates, in ordinary subjects were issued during the year to pupils over 13 years of age who had

been enrolled in the Seventh Standard for one year, and who had, in the opinion of the inspectors, attained satisfactory proficiency in English, Arithmetic, and Geography. Certificates of merit in technical subjects were awarded to about 30 pupils over 14 years of age, who had been enrolled in the sixth standard for at least one year, and who had, in the opinion of the inspectors, attained to satisfactory proficiency in the technical subject as well as in ordinary subjects of the school programme.

These Merit Certificates are distinct from the Higher Grade Certificates awarded to pupils of National Schools in connection with the examinations conducted by the Belfast, Dublin and Cork Higher Grade Certificate Committees.

Half-time Pupils under the Factory and Workshop Acts.

41. About 150 National Schools (chiefly in Counties Antrim, Down, Armagh, and Tyrone) are attended by half-time pupils under the Factory and Workshop Acts. For the year 1916 (the latest for which the figures are available) the average number of half-time pupils on the rolls was 4,138, and in all but three of the schools the "alternate day" system of attendance was adopted.

The Reid Bequest.

42. In accordance with one of the provisions of the Reid Bequest Scheme for the advancement of education in the County Kerry, the Commissioners, having considered the answering of the male monitors employed in the National Schools of that county at the annual examinations of 1918, awarded prizes as follows:—

MONITORS EXAMINED UPON FINAL YEAR PROGRAMME.

Roll No.	School.	Name of Monitor.	Prize.
10482	Ballyquin	Timothy Murphy	1st Prize £25
36555	Milltown Monastery	James O'Shea	2nd " £22
5119	Cahir	John P. O'Leary	3rd " £20
1793	Killarney Monastery	Cornelius Moynihan	4th " £18
14767	Aughnasoda	Daniel S. Hurley	5th " £16
10753	Ferriter B.	Patrick O'Shea	6th " £14

MONITORS EXAMINED UPON FIRST YEAR PROGRAMME.

Roll No.	School.	Name of Monitor.	Prize.
11746	Oscullogregory B.	Eugene Egan	1st Prize £30
10682	Ballyquin	Nicholas Houlihan	2nd " £18
12832	Killorglin B.	Cornelius Power	3rd " £16
5480	Lehud	Dermot O'Sullivan	4th " £14
16618	St. John's	Patrick Walsh	5th " £12
14797	Kilsarcon B.	Michael D. Healy	6th " £10

43.

CARLISLE AND BLAKE PREMIUMS.

THE CARLISLE AND BLAKE PREMIUM FUND.

1. The Commissioners of National Education are empowered to allocate to the teachers of ordinary National schools the interest accruing from certain funds at their disposal in premiums, to be called "The Carlisle and Blake Premiums." Teachers of Model Schools, Convent Schools, or other special schools, are not eligible for these premiums.

2. The interest from the accumulated funds available for premiums is distributed in premiums of £7 10s. each—one for the most deserving principal teacher in each of the circuits every year, upon the following conditions:—

- (a.) that the average attendance and the regularity of the attendance of the pupils are satisfactory;
- (b.) that a fair proportion of the pupils have passed in the higher standards;
- (c.) that, if a boys' or mixed school, taught by a master in a rural district, the elements of the sciences underlying agriculture are fairly taught to the boys of the senior standards; and, if a girls' school (rural or town), needlework is carefully attended to;
- (d.) that the state of the school has been reported during the previous two years as satisfactory in respect of efficiency, moral tone, order, cleanliness, discipline, school records, supply of requisites, and observance of the Commissioners' rules.

3. No teacher is eligible for a premium more frequently than once in five years.

CARLISLE AND BLAKE PREMIUMS for the year ended 31st December, 1918.

Circuit.	County.	Roll No.	Name of School.	Name of Teacher.
1	Donegal	12276	Letterkenney Robertson	Mr. Thomas McDowell.
2	Antrim	13025	Kelly Memorial (Portrush).	Mr. John McCatchie.
3	Antrim	12743	Dromanaul	Mr. Robert T. Armstrong
4	Tyrone	8331	Moy (2)	Mr. Robert A. Johnston.
5	Cavan	1384	Kilnaleck G.	Mrs. Margaret Flynn.
6	Antrim	15064	Macrory Memorial	Mr. James W. Spence.
7	Down	14752	Rosetta	Mr. Thomas M. Deans, B.A., LL.B.
8	Monaghan	12378	Hall St. (Ballybay)	Mr. Charles Wilson.
9	Roscommon	12682	Derrinacurts G.	Mrs. Margaret Colman.
10	Dublin	13863	St. Mary's G. (Bally- view).	Mrs. Margaret A. Carney
11	Carlow	1498	Hacketstown G.	Miss Margaret Wedlick.
12	Mayo	12351	Neale G.	Miss Sahina Heakin.
13	Roscommon	12573	Bruana G.	Mrs. Bridget McGrath.
14	Tipperary	5598	Riverstown	Miss Annie Donalson.
15	Limerick	2814	Feynes G.	Miss Annie T. Madden
16	Tipperary	3908	Killenaive	Mr. Michael O'Flanagan.
17	Cork	1874	Kilworth B.	Mr. Denis Neill.
18	Kerry	14797	Kilaseen B.	Mr. Joseph Murphy.
19	Cork	12147	Ardfield B.	Mr. Patrick O'Donovan

Irish Prizes to King's Scholars.

44. LIST OF KING'S SCHOLARS in order of merit who passed their Final Year's Examination in July, 1918, and qualified for Certificates of Competency in Irish, and to whom Prizes of £5 each have been awarded.

The Training Colleges are indicated thus:—

O.N.E. "Marlborough-Strand" Dublin.	St. M. "St. Mary's" (Belfast).
St. P. "St. Patrick's" (Drogheda).	M.L. "Mary Immaculate" (Limerick).
O.L.M. "Our Lady of Mercy" (Blackrock).	D.L.S. "De La Salle" (Waterford).

County.	Roll No.	School.	Name of King's Scholar.	Training College.
Armagh	115	Lisden	Wilfrid O'Callaghan	D.L.S.
Queen's	918	Castletown Monastery	Michael McGechin	D.L.S.
Queen's	918	Castletown Monastery	Denis Riordan	D.L.S.
Donegal	14888	Langhanseragh	John Boyle	D.L.S.
Cork	6153	St. Finbar's Convent	Mary Hegarty	M.I.
Queen's	918	Castletown Monastery	Patrick Rafferty	D.L.S.
Donegal	15241	Tevlin	Francis Hegarty	D.L.S.
Kerry	16014	St. Finian's B.	Timothy Leahy	D.L.S.
Cork	—	—	Eugene McCarthy	D.L.S.
Kildare	12747	Kildare Monastery	Owen P. O'Connor	D.L.S.
Donegal	5734	Belcrut	Brigid O'Donnell	St. M.
Cadow	13507	Tullow Convent	Eileen M. O'Toole	M.I.
Kerry	10650	St. Gertrude's Convent	Mary Donoghue	M.I.
Galway	14273	Lishernaheilta B.	William Manning	St. P.
Tyrone	15119	Trillick	Mary A. McCusker	O.L.M.
Cork	14817	Ballyvoig G.	Ann Sullivan	O.L.M.
Tipperary	8874	Youghalara	Margaret T. Nealon	M.I.
Mayo	13452	Canbbeck G.	Catherine Murtagh	M.I.
Mayo	13347	St. Patrick's Monastery	Michael T. J. Boland	St. P.
Cork	—	Marciyre College	Patrick Gleeson	D.L.S.
Tipperary	8874	Youghalara	Roderick Nealon	D.L.S.
Queen's	918	Castletown Monastery	James P. Shanley	D.L.S.
Clare	7315	Ennis Convent	Bridget Slattery	M.I.
Clare	—	Christian Brothers', Emissymen.	Patrick Clair	St. P.
Queen's	918	Castletown Monastery	Patrick Reidy	D.L.S.
Fermanagh	13401	Enniskillen Convent	Annie J. Maguire	St. M.
Monaghan	359	Monaghan Convent	Annie Duffy	O.L.M.
Kerry	15473	Killarney Mercy Convent.	Catherine M. Fleming	O.L.M.
Limerick	1933	SS. Peter and Paul's Boys'	Timothy Scully	D.L.S.
Donegal	14531	Bundoran Convent	Annie J. Martin	St. M.

In addition to the above, the undermentioned King's Scholar also passed the examination, but, being already certificated in Irish, was ineligible for the award of a prize:—

John J. McCann (St. P.).

45. SCIENCE EQUIPMENT GRANTS.

No Elementary Science Equipment Grants were made to schools during the year ended 31st March, 1919.

46 Attached hereto is our financial statement for the year ended the 31st March, 1919.

47. We submit this, as our Report for the year 1918-19, to Your Excellency, and in testimony thereof have caused our seal to be hereunto affixed this 2nd day of July, 1920.

W. J. DILWORTH,

A. N. BONAPARTE WYSE,

} Secretaries.

SEAL.

The following STATEMENT of ACCOUNT will show the FUNDS at have been

CHARGE		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
The Balance on 1st April, 1918,	...		—	—	8,252	10	7
PARLIAMENTARY GRANT.							
Ordinary Grant, 1918-1919,	...	1,002,511	0	0			
Special Grant in aid of Teachers' Pension Fund	...	60,523	0	0			
School Grant,	...	240,000	0	0			
					2,203,104	0	0
APPROPRIATIONS IN AID.							
Miscellaneous Receipts in aid of the Vote for 1918-1919	...		646	10	4		
MISCELLANEOUS.							
Grant from Vote of Credit,	...	410,000	0	0			
Private Contribution Fund: Dividends on Legacies and Donations (private contributions) invested in Government Securities,	**	903	0	10			
Marlborough Street Training College, War Loan Stock,		1,011	1	1			
School Fees received from Pupils attending Model Schools		1,466	12	8			
Sundry repayments to the account of the Vote of previous year,	...	1,060	1	3			
Sundry repayments to the account of the Vote of Credit for year 1915-16	...	20	18	5			
Income Tax deductions, payable to Inland Revenue Department,	...	7,115	7	11			
Stoppages from Salaries of Teachers of Premiums for Pensions under Act 42 & 43 Vict., c. 74, 1879	...	58,756	0	2			
Premiums of Insurance of Sundry Officers in Service of Board (North British and Mercantile Insurance Company),		1,391	3	1			
Office Staff, &c., Subscriptions to National War Bonds,	...	900	0	0			
Carried forward	...		5,834,416	6	4		

the disposal of the COMMISSIONERS in 1918-1919, and how they distributed :—

DISCHARGE.		£	u.	d.	£	u.	d.
Office in Dublin :							
Salaries and Wages, (a)	...	...	38,338	1	5		
Travelling Expenses, ...	...	...	984	6	6		
Legal Expenses, ...	...	...	1,777	19	0		
Rent, ...	...	...	115	7	7		
Incidental Expenses, ...	...	...	180	2	5		
						41,395	10
Inspection :							
Salaries, (a) ...	...	...	39,226	0	2		
Travelling and Personal Allowances, ...	...	...	16,519	8	6		
						55,745	8
Training :							
Marlborough Street Training College, ...	...	...	16,038	5	2		
Training Colleges, under local management, ...	...	...	53,054	10	1		
Prizes to King's Scholars for Irish, &c., ...	...	...	1,324	0	0		
						71,327	4
Model Schools (Special Expenditure—Maintenance, and Special Teachers, &c.), (a)	...	...				5,132	3
National Schools Generally :							
Salaries and Capitation payments in Ordinary and Model Schools, Day and Evening, of Principal and Assistant Teachers, Junior Assistant Mistresses, Workmistresses, and Monitors; also fees for Special Subjects.		3,328,082	12	2	(a)		
Retiring Gratuities, ...	...	...	347	17	5		
Incidental Expenditure, ...	...	...	901	13	7		
Free Grants of Books and School Requisites (b) ...	...	...	90	9	10		
School Fees paid to Model School Teachers, ...	...	...	1,471	19	4		
Heating and cleansing of Schools, ...	...	...	18,753	8	6		
Dental treatment of School children, ...	...	...	498	7	10		
						2,350,145	7
Miscellaneous :							
Easter and July Examination Expenses, ...	...	...	503	11	3		
Organizing Teachers, (a) ...	...	...	790	5	5		
						1,293	16
Carried forward, ...	...	...	£2,525,039	11	3		

(a) These figures include the amounts paid as "War Bonus."

(b) The total Free Stocks granted in 1918-19 amounted to £163 19s. 3d. as follows :—Ordinary National Schools, £80 16s. 3d.; Model Schools, £73 9s. 3d.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT—continued.

		£	n.	d.
Brought forward, ...	£2,694,416	6	4	
Total, ...	£2,694,416	6	4	

EXPENDITURE during the Year—continued.

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	...	—			2,525,029	11	3
Manual and Practical Instruction—							
Salaries, Travelling, &c., (a)	...	...	12,974	15	1		
Equipment Grants,	...	...	528	14	4		
		—			13,503	9	5
Meiosties of Rentcharge of Teachers' Residences repaid by Commissioners,	...	—			6,510	9	6
Private Contribution Fund, Payments from		—			707	4	2
Marlborough Street Training College Dividends on War Loan,	...	—			1,011	1	1
Grant in aid of Teachers' Pension Fund, paid over to Teachers' Pension Office,	...	—			69,583	0	0
Payments to Inland Revenue Department of deductions for Income Tax.	...	—			6,693	6	11
Payment to Pensions Fund of amounts stopped from Salaries of Teachers, under the Act 42 & 43 Vict., c. 74, 1879,	...	—			38,758	14	2
Insurance Premiums paid over to North British and Mercantile Insurance Co.,	...	—			1,386	16	9
Office Staff &c., National War Bonds,	...	—			1,100	0	0
Balance of Grant from Vote of Credit 1917-1918 repaid,	...	—			7,658	14	6
Balance on 31st March, 1919	...	—			12,053	18	7
Total	...	—	...	...	£2,694,416	6	4

(a) These figures include the amount paid as War Bonds.

D. FRIZZELL, Accountant.

NAMES OF THE COMMISSIONERS
OF
NATIONAL EDUCATION IN IRELAND
On June 30th, 1919.

ACCORDING TO THE DATES OF THEIR RESPECTIVE APPOINTMENTS

				YEAR OF APPOINTMENT.
Sir HENRY BELLINGHAM, Bart., M.A., LLD	H.M.			
Lieutenant ...	...	...	...	1890
Rev. HENRY EVANS, D.D.,	...	...	...	1890
Sir STANLEY HARRINGTON, B.A., R.U.I., J.P.,	...			1895
Right Hon. WILLIAM JOSEPH MYLES STARKIE, M.A., LL.D., LL.D. (Resident Commissioner),	...			1899
Lieut. Col. The Right Hon. LORD FREDERICK FITZGERALD,	...	...	...	1902
Rev. DAVID A. TAYLOR, M.A., D.D., Ex-Moderator of the General Assembly,	...	...	...	1902
Right Hon. LORD KILLANIN, LL.D., H. M. Lieutenant,				1904
Most Rev. PATRICK FOLEY, D.D., Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin,	...	...	...	1905
GERALD DEASE, Esq., D.L.,	...	...	...	1906
Right Hon. Sir JOHN ROSS, Bart., LL.D.,	...	...		1905
Right Hon. LAURENCE AMBROSE WALDRON,	...			1909
DAVID M. MORIARTY, Esq., B.A.,	...	...		1910
JOHN A. McCLELLAND, Esq., M.A., D.Sc., F.R.S.,	...			1910
Right Rev. MAURICE DAY, D.D., Bishop of Clogher,	...			1911
Right Rev. ROBERT MILLER, D.D., Bishop of Cashel and Waterford,	...	...	...	1913
ROBERT DONOVAN, Esq., B.A.,	...	...		1915
WILLIAM E. THRIFF, Esq., M.A., F.T.C.D.	...			1915
DENIS HOLLAND, Esq., J.P.,	...	...		1917
Rev. JAMES BINGHAM, M.A., D.D., Ex-Moderator of the General Assembly,	...	...		1917
WILLIAM PARK, Esq.,	...	...		1919